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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

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REMARKS

Applicant is enclosing a declaration from one of the authors of the Wanthal document.

Applicant again respectfully submits that Wanthal is not prior art. Applicant sent the document to the Examiner in order to leave no doubt that it is complying with 37CFR 1.56. If there is any doubt whatsoever that a particular document should be provided in an information disclosure statement, the best practice is to go ahead and submit it. Otherwise, if litigation results, an opponent is likely to argue that the examiner should have made the decision as to whether it is prior art, rather than the applicant unilaterally making that decision. Clearly, merely submitting a reference in an information disclosure statement is not an admission that the document is prior